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Prior Application Examiner: J. Ram

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior U.S. Application No. 09/804,418, filed March 13, 2001, of Frank BONADIO et al. for LAPAROSCOPIC SEALED ACCESS DEVICE, which is a continuation of PCT/IE99/00127, filed December 1, 1999.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including drawings as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior U.S. Application No. 09/804,418, as originally filed on March 31, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
3. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
4. ☐ The filing fee, including the extra claims fee, is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the application attached hereto.

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| Basic Application Filing Fee | | | | | \$750 | \$ 750.00 |
| | Number of Claims | | Basic | Extra Claims | | |
| Total Claims | 18 | - | 20 | 0 | x \$18 | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | - | 3 | 0 | x \$84 | 0.00 |
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5. ☒ This application is being filed without a filing fee and Declaration under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fee.

6. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees not accounted for above, with the exception of the filing fee, which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

7. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Atropos Limited

8. ☒ Priority of Application No. 980999, filed on December 1, 1998 in Ireland; Application No. 990107, filed on February 15, 1999 in Ireland; Application No. 990108, filed on February 15, 1999 in Ireland; Application No. 990110, filed on February 15, 1999 in Ireland; Application No. 990112, filed on February 15, 1999 in Ireland; and Application No. 990416, filed on May 24, 1999 in Ireland are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. Certified copies

☐ is enclosed or ☒ are on file in the prior application.

9. ☐ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.

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11. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
12. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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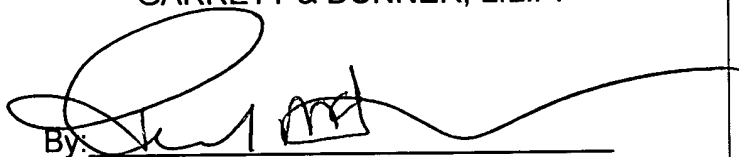
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent U.S. Application No. 09/804,418, filed March 13, 2001, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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